

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—May I invite your kind attention to Rule 317 which says that no debate shall be allowed on a point of order but the Speaker may if he thinks fit hear members?

Mr. SPEAKER.—I was not unaware of it. Whose right is there? The right is mine to say. I would like to hear Mr. Siddaveerappa, the most experienced parliamentarian, Hon'ble Mr. Kanthi who has a most matured mind on parliamentary practice and certainly Mr. K. H. Patil. Unless I give a ruling this cannot be taken up.

Sri S. S. SHETTAR.—I wanted to submit in respect of the point of order the other view how it is not a new Bill, but it is only an amendment to the Bill. So, on the question of amendment to a Bill, all these rules will not apply.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Minds must not get surcharged before coming to the House. Minds must always be open and smiling and very happy.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—When conspiracy goes on, naturally minds get surcharged.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have to analyse it. After analysing I will give priority enabling most minds surcharged to get less surcharged.

Next item, namely, calling attention to a matter of urgent public importance given notice by three members.

Sri K. H. PATIL.—There is another point of order. If your honour is convinced, the matter will be over. I bring to your kind notice that under article 207 of the Constitution, such Bill cannot be placed before the House.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Members should clearly understand things. Does he know when a point of order is to be raised? The point of order must relate to the matter before the House. Does his point of order relate to Calling Attention notice? Members are consuming time purposelessly.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE re: COLLAPSE OF BRIDGES ON SAGAR-KOGAR TUMRI ROAD.

Sri K. H. SRINIVASA (Sagar).—I wish to call the attention of the Minister for Public Works to the complete collapse of bridges on Sagar-Kogar Tumri Road.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—The details of this case are as follows.—

Kogaru-Tumri Deviation Road including C. D. Works, was constructed by the Sharavathy Valley Project Authorities in the year 1963

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The cost of construction of C. D. Works was Rs. Four lakhs and there were 42 Nos. of Hume pipes and 16 Nos. of R. C. C. deck slabs of different spans. This road was handed over to P. W. D. on 21st November 1966 for maintenance.

On account of heavy rains, two R. C. C. deck slabbed culverts, one at 2/39, (One vent of 8' x 14') and the other at 3/41 (three vents of 12' x 10'), sustained damages on 12th July 1967. The side abutments of both culverts have collapsed and deck slabs are overhanging. Further, cracks have developed in the abutments of one more R. C. C. deck slabbed culvert at 6/41 (two vents of 10' x 11'). The Yennehole bridge at 2/38 (two vents of 30' x 16') on this deviation road is, however, safe.

Arrangements have been made to provide temporary wooden props with wooden decking, so as to permit pedestrian traffic on the above damaged bridges. Vehicular traffic on the three damaged bridges is not being allowed now. However, it is reported that arrangements for the movement of traffic is made as follows:

One bus from Karur plies up to 2/39 therefrom the passengers walk the distance of 2 miles 4 furlongs over the damaged bridges (which have been provided with temporary wooden supports and decking), from where another bus picks up the passengers and goes to Kogaru. Alternative arrangements to provide facility for the vehicular traffic from Karur Hobli by restoring the old Hirebhaskar-Kogaru Road and by having ferry system across Yennehole (by making use of a country boat that is already in service now), is also proposed to be made so as to avoid the passengers walking a distance of 2 miles 4 furlongs.

The total cost of reconstruction of the three damaged bridges is reported to be about Rs.1.5 lakhs and the reconstruction of these bridges will be taken up after the monsoon subsides and as soon as the working conditions become favourable. The reasons for the failure of the culverts referred to above, will be enquired into.

Sri K. H. SRINIVASA.—I want to put a question.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Chair cannot make an exception in favour of anybody.

Sri K. H. SRINIVASA.—I think you had earlier allowed some questions to be put on Calling Attention Notices.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I am sorry. If I once allow, then calling attention notice will become a short notice question. Its scope is something totally different. On the statement of today the member can raise a debate for two hours and have it thoroughly thrashed out.